

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

MODIFICATION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2004-0011
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0083755
for
CITY OF TAFT
TAFT FEDERAL PRISON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

The City of Taft owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that provides sewerage service for the Taft Federal Prison. The WWTF discharges to Sandy Creek, an ephemeral stream, historically regulated under the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The subject waste discharge requirements/NPDES permit require implementation of dechlorination at a reported cost of approximately \$500,000 to protect the beneficial use of Sandy Creek as warm freshwater habitat (WARM). The proposed Special Order would modify the permit to delay until 29 January 2009 the requirement to implement dechlorination so the City and Regional Board can investigate whether Sandy Creek should remain subject to regulation under the NPDES Program and whether WARM is an existing or potential use of Sandy Creek.

The Regional Board will consider modification of NPDES Permit No. CA0083755 at a **formal** public hearing concerning this matter during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 28 and 29 April 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Staff of the City of Taft

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **11 April 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **11 April 2005**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **11 April 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed City of Taft permit modification should contact Barry Hilton at (559) 445-5455. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

15 April 2005~~11 March 2005~~